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SUMMARY. AT CCD PLENARY MARCH 11, HUNGARY DISCUSSED US-SOVIET DRAFT ENMOD CONVENTION, NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (MDW), COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB), CHEMICAL WEAPONS (C), AND CCD PROCEDURES. NEGERIA CRITICIZED CCD'S WORK METHODS, CALLING FOR REAPPRAISAL OF AGENDA AND NEGOTIATING PRINCIPLES. END SUMMARY.

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1. DOMOKOS (HUNGARY) SAID US-SOVIET DRAFT ENMOD CONVENTION MET "REALISTIC REQUIREMENTS," ADDING THAT EFFORTS AIMED AT "EXAGGERATED PRECISION" COULD DELAY NEGOTIATIONS AND RAISE DIFFICULTIES OF IMPLEMENTATION. COMMITTEE, HE SAID, SHOULD AGREE ON BEST TEXT CURRENTLY NEGOTIABLE; TREATY COULD BE REVISED AS SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT INDICATE. DOMOKOS SAID DRAFT CONVENTION PROPERLY FOCUSED ON USE OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES AS WEAPONS AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT DEAL WITH POSSIBLE UNINTENDED DAMAGE FROM PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS. HE ALSO AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR DIRECT LINK BETWEEN ENMOD CONVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS OF LAWS OF WAR PROTOCOLS. WHILE NOTING THAT DRAFT WOULD DISCOURAGE FUTURE PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF MEANS DESIGNED FOR HOSTILE USES OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES AND WOULD CHANNEL RESEARCH TOWARD PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS, DOMOKOS SUPPORTED DUTCH VIEW THAT CONVENTION SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO COVER PREPARATIONS FOR HOSTILE USE OF ENMOD. "APART FROM THIS POINT," HE SAID, HUNGARY SUPPORTED SCOPE OF US-SOVIET DRAFT.

2. DOMOKOS SUPPORTED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR PROHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. HE SAID THERE WAS PROBABLY NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS AT PRESENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MDW, BUT PREVENTIVE ACTION WAS NEEDED BEFORE NEW DISCOVERIES MADE NEW WEAPONS POSSIBLE.

3. DOMOKOS SAID ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CTB NEGOTIATING BODY CALLED FOR IN SOVIET UNGA RESOLUTION LAST FALL SHOULD NOT HINDER CONTINUED CCD CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT. HE REJECTED IDEA THAT CTB SHOULD BE SIGNED FIRST BY US AND USSR. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUCH A STEP WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE TESTING SINCE MAJORITY OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS IS CARRIED OUT BY THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. BUT STRATEGIC IMBALANCES MIGHT RESULT, AND IN ANY CASE, "QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE" IS AT ISSUE; THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY FOR ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN CTB.

4. ON CW, DOMOKOS ENDORSED AND QUOTED MARCH 9
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STATEMENT BY WYZNER (POLAND) SUGGESTING THAT IF SITUATION IS NOT RIPE FOR US-SOVIET INITIATIVE DEALING WITH MOST DANGEROUS, LETHAL CHEMICAL WEAPONS, COMMITTEE WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO GO BACK TOCOMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO PROHIBITION OF CW.

5. ON CCD PROCEDURES, DOMOKOS SAID SOME IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE POSSIBLE; FOR EXAMPLE, COMMITTEE SHOULD HOLD

MORE MEETINGS ON BASIS OF AN AGREED SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, DOMOKOS SAW NO NEED FOR MAJOR CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF CCD, SAYING THAT UNJUSTIFIED CHANGES COULD HARM CCD'S EFFECTIVENESS.

6. CLARK (NIGERIA) SAID CCD SHOULD BECOME "NERVE-CENTER" FOR ALL MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, CRITICALLY EVALUATING AND RECEIVING OFFICIAL REPORTS FROM OTHER FORUMS SUCH AS MBFR AND LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE. HE CRITICIZED CCD'S "INACTION" SINCE 1972 AND BLAMED IN PART THE INCREASED BILATERALISM OF THE US AND USSR FOR ERODING THE PRESTIGE AND STATUS OF THE CCD. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT ACCORD, LABELLING THE STRATEGIC CEILINGS SET AT VLADIVOSTOK AS "OBSCENE."

7. CLARK SAID LAST YEAR'S UNGA RESOLUTIONS SHOWED GROWING IMPATIENCE WITH CCD AND THAT CCD MUST "SET ITS HOUSE IN ORDER." HE EXPRESSED HOPE COMMITTEE WOULD DEVOTE TIME LATER IN SPRING SESSION OR DURING SUMMER TO IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION OF IMPLICATIONS OF (NIGERIAN) RESOLUTION CALLING FOR MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE DISARMAMENT DECADE, INCLUDING REAPPRAISAL BY CCD OF ITS TASKS AND DUTIES. HE HOPED THIS EXERCISE WOULD FOCUS ATTENTION ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE CCD'S AGENDA, ADOPTED IN 1868, REPEAT 1968, AND ON ITS AGREED PRINCIPLES OF NEGOTIATION OF 1961. CCD, HE THOUGHT, SHOULD DETERMINE ITS AGENDA AND TIME-TABLE OF WORK EACH SESSION AND SHOULD ESTABLISH MORE FORMAL LINK WITH UN SECRETARIAT BY ASKING SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO PREPARE CCD REPORT AND TO PROVIDE "SYNOPTICAL REPORT" ON OTHER DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS.
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8. CLARK ASKED WHY CCD'S CONSIDERATION OF CW HAD BEEN "KILLED" TWO YEARS AGO BY US-SOViet UNDERTAKING TO CONSIDER JOINT CCD INITIATIVE. HE ASKED IF INITIATIVE HAD BEEN "OVERTAKEN BY VAGARIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE" OR DEFERRED SO THAT CCD COULD FOCUS ON ENMOD. HE SAID NIGERIA COULD SUPPORT ANY PROPOSAL TO BAN ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE, BUT SUGGESTED THAT BY GIVING PRIORITY TO ENMOD CCD WAS "PLAYING CANUTE IN MATTERS CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE."

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